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SUBJ: FISHERIES MINISTERS MEETING IN BERLIN

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1. ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE LEARNED FROM VARIOUS PRESS ACCOUNTS
THAT THE EC FISHERIES MINISTERS DID MEET IN BERLIN ON
JANUARY 27, BUT WITHOUT THE BRITISH MINISTER. PRESS STORIES
NOTED THE ABSENCE OF THE BRITISH COLLEAGUE, AND SEVERAL RE-
PORTED THAT THE MEETING WAS INFORMAL.

2. IT WILL, HOWEVER, BE OF INTEREST TO THE EMBASSY TO LEARN
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THAT VON BRAUNMUEHL'S IMPLICATIONS THAT THE MEETING WOULD
NOT BE PUBLICIZED WERE NOT REALIZED (REFTEL). IN FACT, THE
SENAT ADVERTISED THE MEETING IN ADVANCE BY PLAC-
ING IT ON ITS "CALENDAR OF EVENTS" ISSUED ON JANUARY 24.
THE LATTER IS A SORT OF PROTOCOLARY REGISTER WHICH GOES
TO THE PRESS AND ALL OF THE CONSULATES.

3. AT PRESIDENT SCHEEL'S DINNER OF JANUARY 27 THE ALLIED MINISTERS POINTED OUT THIS DEPARTURE FROM STATED INTENTIONS TO MAYOR STOBBE. STOBBE SHOWED SOME DISCOMFORT, AND SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO SPEAK TO HIS PROTOCOL OFFICER.

4. IT IS THIS "CALENDAR OF EVENTS," SOMETIMES PROJECTING A MONTH OR TWO INTO THE FUTURE, WHICH ENABLES THE SOVIETS TO PRESENT TIMELY, MEATY, AND OFTEN A PRIORI PROTESTS ON FRG AND EC ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN. IN THE CASE OF THE FISHERIES MINISTERS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER NOT TO HAVE ADVERTISED IT AS A MEETING. WHILE THIS FACILITATION TO THE OTHER SIDE IS NOT ALWAYS HELPFUL, HOWEVER, GENERALLY SPEAKING IT IS MOSTLY INEVITABLE. THE BULK OF THE SESSIONS ARE OF NECESSITY IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN, AND A FORTHCOMING GOVERNMENT DOES BEST TO KEEP THE MEDIA ADVISED THEREOF IN ADVANCE.
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